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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0022] as follows:

Connecting member 10 is illustrated for purposes of example releasably connecting an extension pole 12 and a working implement 14. Connecting member 10 includes a housing member 15 having a first locking member 16 and/or a second locking member 18. In the illustrated embodiment, first locking member 16 can releasably connect connecting member 10 to implement 14, while second locking member 18 can releasably connect the connecting member to extension pole ~~[[10]]~~ 12. Advantageously, both first and second locking members 16, 18 include a minimum number of components, which are easily assembled, prevent rotation of connecting member 10 with respect to implement ~~[[12]]~~ 14 and/or extension pole ~~[[14]]~~ 12, and allow the implement and/or extension pole to be easily removed.